

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Device for storing vehicles, the device comprising  
at least one platform,  
~~at least one guide for guiding the at least one platform being guided on~~  
~~guides and the at least one platform being traversable over a path traverse to~~  
the at least one platform,  
a lifting device means for moving the at least one platform along the  
traverse path, and  
a safety device acting independently of the lifting device for securing the  
at least one platform ~~being secured~~ against undesired movement ~~by safety~~  
~~means~~ and for preventing movement of the at least one platform,  
the safety ~~means~~ device including at least one locking unit and at least  
one locking element for preventing any unintentional movement of the at least  
one platform,  
the locking unit including two deflection rollers, and  
an opening element formed of a cable or chain guided around the two  
deflection rollers,

the locking unit being rotatably mounted on the at least one platform  
about a rotational axis and being freely rotatable ~~and supported in such a way~~  
that with a center of gravity of the locking unit is being located off-center from  
the rotational axis so that the locking unit is tends to move in towards a  
continuous active connection with the locking element by the force of gravity  
as long as there is ~~no~~ an absence of power acting against gravity applied to the  
locking unit.

2. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein the safety ~~means~~  
~~secure~~ device secures the platform against undesired downward movement.
3. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein the safety ~~means~~  
device is arranged along the traverse path of the at least one platform against  
the ~~guides~~ at least one guide to interrupt movement of the at least one platform.
4. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein ~~the locking unit is~~  
~~arranged on the at least one platform and~~ the locking element is arranged on at  
least one of the guides.

5. (Cancelled)
- 6 (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 1, wherein the locking element includes a gear rack.
7. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 6, wherein a notch is provided as the locking unit.
8. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 7, wherein a side of the notch facing the locking element has at least one tooth designed to positively engage and interlock into each indentation of the gear rack along the traverse path of the at least one platform.
9. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein the locking unit is held in ~~place~~ a position by a power element embracing ~~an~~ the opening element acting against an effective direction of the power element, and which is activated only when the at least one platform is moved along the guides.
10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim ~~10~~ 1, wherein the ~~means for moving co-operate~~ lifting device cooperates with the opening element in such a way that actuating of the opening element embraced by the locking unit is blocked.
12. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein the locking unit is in the continuous active connection with the locking element and has ~~an~~ the opening element for opening the active connection.
13. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 9, wherein power which is effective against the power element is brought ~~in~~ by ~~a~~ the cable into the locking unit.
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 12, wherein the opening element acts through ~~a~~ the cable on the locking unit and to remove the active connection with the locking element.

16. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein the ~~locking unit~~ ~~includes two deflection rollers for guiding a~~ guide the cable in a shape of an “S”.
17. (Previously Presented) Device for storing vehicles, the device comprising
- at least one platform, the at least one platform being guided on guides and the at least one platform being traversable over a path traverse to the at least one platform,
- means for moving the at least one platform along the traverse path and the at least one platform being secured against undesired movement by safety means for preventing movement of the at least one platform, the safety means including at least one locking unit and at least one locking element,
- the locking unit being rotatable and supported in such a way that a center of gravity of the locking unit is located off-center so that the locking unit is in continuous active connection with the locking element as long as there is no power acting against gravity applied to the locking unit.
- a cable being attached to an upper end of at least one of the guides and to a lower end of at least one guide.

18. (Previously Presented) Device for storing vehicles, the device comprising
- at least one platform, the at least one platform being guided on guides and the at least one platform being traversable over a path traverse to the at least one platform,
- means for moving the at least one platform along the traverse path and the at least one platform being secured against undesired movement by safety means for preventing movement of the at least one platform, the safety means including at least one locking unit and at least one locking element,
- the locking unit being rotatable and supported in such a way that a center of gravity of the locking unit is located off-center so that the locking unit is in continuous active connection with the locking element as long as there is no power acting against gravity applied to the locking unit.
- the locking unit being provided on the at least one platform and the locking element including a gear rack provided on a frame, at least two deflection rollers provided on the locking unit over which a cable being guided which is attached to an upper end of the frame and connected with an opening element arranged on the floor which then effects a movement of the cable when the opening element is actuated, bringing a force acting against gravity to the

locking unit which turns the locking unit in such a way to disengage the locking unit from the locking element.

19. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein a the cable runs along the traverse path of the at least one platform over ~~deflection or the~~ deflection rollers.
20. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 9, wherein an actuating element is provided for actuating the opening element arranged in such a way that an operator actuates the actuating element.
21. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 20, wherein the locking unit releases the at least one platform only when the actuating element is actuated.
22. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 15, wherein the cable is attached to a building.
23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)
25. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 1, wherein the locking unit includes a centrifugal brake which is actuated automatically by an adjustable speed deviating from a normal traverse speed of the at least one platform.
26. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein the safety means are device is brought into active connection by magnetic forces.
27. (New) Device for storing vehicles, the device comprising
- at least one platform,
  - at least one guide for guiding the at least one platform over a path traverse to the at least one platform,
  - a lifting device for moving the at least one platform along the traverse path,
  - a safety device for securing the at least one platform against undesired movement and for preventing movement of the at least one platform,



the safety device including at least one locking unit and at least one locking element for preventing any unintentional movement of the at least one platform,

the locking unit being rotatably mounted about a rotational axis and being freely rotatable with a center of gravity of the locking unit being located off-center from the rotational axis so that the locking unit tends to move towards a continuous active connection with the locking element by the force of gravity as long as there is an absence of power acting against gravity applied to the locking unit, and

the locking unit being in the continuous active connection with the locking element having an opening element for opening the active connection, the opening element acting through a cable on the locking unit and for removing the active connection with the locking element, the cable being attached to a building.